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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Schafer et al.

Serial No.: 09/904,834

Filing Date: July 16, 2001

For: INTELLIGENT LIFT INTERLOCK SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002 entered in connection with the above identified application.

Please make the following amendments:

IN/THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 7, 9 and 11.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (amended) An interlock circuit for use in a vehicle having a battery, a gear shift lever, and a parking brake, to prevent the operation of said vehicle when an auxiliary device is turned on or is in an operational state, said circuit comprising:

a microprocessor; and

a plurality of sensors connected to said microprocessor for sensing various parameters, said sensors comprising a sensor for sensing when said auxiliary device is turned on or is in said operational state, a gear shift lever sensor for sensing when the gear shift lever is in the park position, and a parking brake sensor for sensing whether

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